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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO GABORONE,  
MBABANE SEPTEMBER 19, 1973 FROM NAIROBI IS REPEATED TO YOU:  
QUOTE

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FROM REDSO/EA

FROM WITHERS FOR KNOLL

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: BOT-ZAM ROADWE LOAN 690-H-001

1. WE WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED  
IN SEPT. 7, 1973 ISSUE OF BI-WEEKLY NEWSHEET AFRICA CONFIDENTIAL,  
VOLUME 14, NO. 18. ARTICLE, WHICH IS ENTITLED "CAPRIVI: A  
STRATEGIC FOCUS", CARRIES THREE SUBHEADINGS, LATTER TWO OF WHICH  
("BOTSWANA ROAD", P. 2, AND "DOUBLE REWARD", P. 3) INCLUDE MANY  
SERIOUS AND NEGATIVE ALLEGATIONS RELATIVE TO U.S. OBJECTIVES IN  
FUNDING THE ROAD. FOR EXAMPLE, ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT

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"IT COULD

BE THAT THEY (THE U.S.) WERE ALWAYS MORE INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOUTH AFRICA'S GAME THAN IN HELPING BOTSWANA AND HERE WAS A PROJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE ASSISTING BLACK AFRICA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SO THAT THERE WAS A DOUBLE REWARD TO BE REAPED IN DIPLOMATIC TERMS."

2. FYI THE PRO-SA ASPECT RELATES TO CHOBE BY-PASS, A FACILITY WHICH THE ARTICLE STATES IS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT BY PROVIDING RSA ACCESS FROM RHODESIA TO ITS MILITARY BASE ON CAPRI STRIP. HOWEVER, IT ERRONEOUSLY STATES THAT BY-PASS IS LOCATED NORTH OF EXISTING ROUTE. NO MENTION IS MADE OF FACT THAT GOB STRONGLY APPROVES OF THIS REROUTING SO THAT TRAFFIC WILL NO LONGER PASS THROUGH GAME AREA ADJACENT TO CHOBE RIVER. END FYI.

3. AFRICA CONFIDENTIAL IS PUBLISHED EVERY TWO WEEKS AT 5/33 RUTLAND GATE, LONDON S.W. 7, ENGLAND AND IS EDITED BY GODFREY MORRISON, WHO, I UNDERSTAND, WAS FORMERLY WITH THE ECONOMIST. COPY OF SEPT. 7 ISSUE BEING POUCHED.  
DECON FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 18, 1974. LINDSTROM UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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